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THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCANDINAVIAN STUDY

The *Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study* met at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, 1916. The sessions were held in University Hall, Room 112.

FIRST SESSION, FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Society, introducing President Charles R. Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin, who in welcoming the Society spoke of the value of Scandinavian study and of his own interest in certain phases of it. President Van Hise also gave a brief account of his recent visit to Scandinavia.

The reading of papers was then begun:

1. Alliteration and Variation in Old Germanic and Early Norwegian Name-Giving. By Professor George T. Flom of the University of Illinois. (30 minutes). The paper was discussed by Professor Jules Mauritzson, Dr. Lee M. Hollander, and the author. The section of this paper that treats of Old Germanic will be printed in the *Modern Language Notes* for November, 1916.

2. Några anteckningar vid studiet av Heidenstams senaste diktsamling. By Professor Jules Mauritzson of Augustana College. (20 minutes). To be published in the November issue of the *Publications*.

3. Attempts to date the *Speculum Regale*. By Professor Laurence M. Larson of the University of Illinois. (15 minutes). The paper was discussed by Professor Julius E. Olson. To be printed by the American-Scandivavian Foundation as a part of the Introduction to the author's translation of the *Speculum Regale*, about to go to Press.

4. A Program of the Study of the *Fornaldarsögur*. By Professor Chester N. Gould of the University of Chicago. (25 minutes).

5. The Critical Reception of Ibsen in Germany. By Mr. William H. Eller, at the University of Wisconsin. (15 minutes).

6. Notes on the *Nornagestsþáttr*. By Dr. Lee M. Hollander of the University of Wisconsin. (10 minutes). Printed herewith, pp. 105-111.

7. Pessimism in Tegnér's Poetry. By Professor A. M. Sturtevant of the University of Kansas. (20 minutes). Printed herewith, pp. 112-133.

Thereupon the President appointed the following committees: (1) To audit the treasurer's report, Dr. Lee M. Hollander and Professor A. Louis Elmquist. (2) To nominate officers, Professors Julius E. Olson and A. M. Sturtevant and Miss Ebba M. Norman. (3) To present resolutions, Miss Maren Michelet and Professor Jules Mauritzson.

There were thirty-four present at this session.

At 6:30 the Society was the guest at a dinner given by the Yggdrasil Society of Madison at Park Hotel. The dinner was followed by a program consisting of short talks interspersed with Scandinavian songs, sung by the two societies under the direction of Professor Julius E. Olson. Mr. E. B. Stensland bade the Society welcome and introduced the toastmaster, Professor Julius E. Olson. The following persons spoke on the subjects named: Professor Chester N. Gould, The Value of Scandinavian Literature; Professor Jules Mauritzson, Our Society; Professor Laurence M. Larson, My Days in Madison; Professor

George T. Flom, The Publications of the Society; Professor Joseph Alexis, The Membership of the Society; Professor A. M. Sturtevant, How I Became Interested in Scandinavia; Miss Maren Michelet, The Scandinavian Languages in the Schools. The toastmaster then called upon State Supt. O. S. Rice, Hon. N. P. Haugen, and Justice A. J. Vinje, all of whom responded with speeches that bespoke a deep interest in the work of the Society. Besides the songs mentioned, *Värmlandsvisan* and a number of other solos were sung by Miss Ebba M. Norman of Minneapolis, and Professor Olson and Mr. Halvorsen rendered selections from Wennerberg's *Gluntarne*. There were seventy present at the banquet.

SECOND SESSION, SATURDAY, MAY 6, 9:00 A. M.

(The Executive Council held a session at 8:30 and discussed various matters to be presented to the consideration of the Society at the regular business meeting.)

Reading and discussion of papers resumed:

8. The Valkyrie Episode in the Volsung-Niblung Story. By Dr. Henning Larson of the University of Iowa. (20 minutes). The paper was discussed by Professor George T. Flom. To be published in the *Publications*.

9. Subconscious Elements in the Composition of *Peer Gynt*. By Professor Julius E. Olson of the University of Wisconsin. (15 minutes). Discussion by Professors Jules Mauritzson, A. M. Sturtevant, and the author.

10. The Scandinavian Languages in Modern Language Study. By Miss Maren Michelet of the South High School, Minneapolis. (20 minutes). Discussion by Professors A. Louis Elmquist, Chester N. Gould, George T. Flom and the author. Printed in part herewith, pp. 213-216.

11. Our Text-books. By Professor A. Louis Elmquist of Northwestern University. (15 minutes). To be published in part in an early issue of the *Publications*.

The Editor presented as his report the three issues of the *Publications* II, 3 and 4 and III, 1. He spoke briefly of present conditions and of plans for the enlargement of the Volume to 320 pages to be issued annually, Vol. III to be completed in November. The American-Scandinavian Foundation has appropriated for the benefit of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study the sum of $250 in support of the *Publications* during the current year. The report was accepted.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer showed an increase in membership of 160 during the past year. The report of the Auditing Committee was presented and accepted with the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

It was then moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to prepare and submit at the next annual meeting of the Society an outline of a college course of study for persons preparing to teach Scandinavian in the secondary schools.

It was also moved and carried that the Society add the office of Educational Secretary, the work of which will lie mainly with the secondary schools; also that the Educational Secretary elected shall confer with the President and Secretary-Treasurer as to the duties of the office and as to the appointment of persons to assist in the work of the office.

An appropriation of $200 was made as annual salary of the Secretary-Treasurer, and an appropriation of $200 was made for the expenses of the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers thereupon reported as follows:

For President, Professor Chester N. Gould of the University of Chicago.

For Vice-President, Dr. Lee M. Hollander of the University of Wisconsin.

For Editor of Publications, Professor George T. Flom of the University of Illinois.

For Associate-Editor, Professor A. Louis Elmquist of Northwestern University.

For Secretary-Treasurer, Professor Joseph Alexis of the University of Nebraska.

For Educational Secretary, Miss Maren Michelet of the South High School, Minneapolis.

As District Secretaries:

1. Central District, Professor J. A. Holvik of Waldorf College (Forest City, Iowa).
2. Northern District, Professor A. A. Stomberg of the University of Minnesota.
3. Eastern District, Dr. Halldór Hermansson of Cornell University.
4. Western District, Professor R. Bogstad of Columbia College (Everett, Wash.).

As members of the Advisory Committee for three years:

1. Dr. A. LeRoy Andrews of Cornell University.
2. Dr. Henning Larson of the University of Iowa.

These nominees were elected.

The following resolution was then presented by Professor George T. Flom and adopted by the Society:

At this time when the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study in annual session is assembled at the University of Wisconsin, where Professor Julius E. Olson is this year rounding out his thirty-third year of untiring effort in the cause of Scandinavian languages and literature, be it resolved that we as a Society extend to him a vote of appreciation and gratitude, and our heartiest wishes to him as a fellow-worker that he may enjoy many more years in the cause for which he has labored so ably and with a devotion and an enthusiasm that we all admire.

A vote of thanks was extended to Professor Joseph Alexis, Secretary-Treasurer, for the work done during the year.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following resolution: The Society wishes to express its gratitude to President Charles R. Van Hise and to faculty members of the University of Wisconsin for the welcome extended to the Society and to the Yggdrasil Society, for their hospitality, and to Professor Julius E. Olson, Miss Annette Nelson, and Dr. Lee M. Hollander of the Committee on Local Arrangements.

There were twenty-three present at this session.

Adjournment at 12:30.

JOSEPH ALEXIS, *Secretary.*